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Lapeer Dems meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 6pm (potluck then meeting) in the Lincoln Room at the Center Building, Lapeer.

9th Congressional District News:



Open Vice-Chair Opportunity in LCDP

With the passing of our good friend Jerry Tkach, the LCDP has an open Vice-Chair position that is waiting excitedly for a warm, compassionate and caring person to occupy. Duties are self-defined with so many directions our Party can grow and so many ideas waiting to be heard.

Step Forward and Step Lively – your Party is just getting started.

Democratic Slate of Candidates in the 2024 Election

President: Joe Biden

Vice President: Kamala Harris

US Senate: Hill Harper
Elissa Slotkin

U.S. House: Clint St. Mosley

MI Supreme Court:
Judge Kyra Harris (D-Incumbent)
Kimberly Ann Thomas (D)

MI House:
District 65 Shirley Tomzeak
District 67 Anissa Buffin
District 98 April Osentoski

Mayfield Township:
Treasurer Leslie Getz



Come one, Come all, Saturday July 20th to the Best Picnic in Town hosted by the Dems (The Best Party in Town)!!

We will be meeting at Mark Monson's (4211 Stanley Rd. Columbiaville, 48421) at 1:00pm and eating lunch at 2:00pm.

This will be a potluck, so bring your favorite dish to pass. Meat will be provided as well as water and lemonade. Also, there will be plates, cups, napkins and silverware provided.

So please put this date (July 20th) on your calendars and plan to have a fun afternoon with your fellow Dem! Any questions, please call Laura at 810-664-5650.

Lapeer Porch Fest – Carry The Message

Lapeer is repeating their very successful Porch Fest this year on July 20th and we plan to have our Democratic T-shirts, literature and people present during the happy music venue to share our positive message about affordable health care, reproductive rights, sensible gun control and honesty in government.

Send an email to gfooster@umsuca.com or visit our Facebook page and let us know you'd like to help carry our Democratic message while enjoying great music!

Welcome New Communication Chair

Welcomed our new Senior Administrator for Facebook and Communication Committee chair, Susan Hough, who has also joined the County Committee and is providing a wonderful burst of energy to the use of that critically important social media tools in our communication strategy.



Thanks to Everyone Who Came to the May 23rd Dem Social Hour!

Clint St. Mosley for Congress



Here is more of Clint St. Mosley's platform:

Climate - Evidence is clear that climate change is real, and Clint thinks we should use common sense approaches to achieve our goals as quickly as possible. We can have a thriving economy and a safe planet.

Immigration - We are a nation of immigrants, made great by the creativity and ingenuity of people from across the world. To keep our nation secure, Clint believes we need effective and humane immigration reform.

School Safety – Every child should be able to go to school knowing they can come home unharmed to their loving family.

Contact: Clint4Congress@gmail.com 248.325.8820/910.540.9090

Did You Know?.....

1. Nassar Beydoun a candidate for US Senate was removed from the ballot as he used a P.O. Box for his address instead of his home address on nomination petitions. This goes against election rules.
2. There were 272,000 new jobs in May primarily in health care, business, government, leisure and hospitality. Unemployment was less than 4% for the last four months. Inflation is down 60% from its peak and incomes are up more than prices. Who says Biden is not doing a good job?
3. Citizens For Local Choice could not get enough signatures for

their ballot initiative to overturn a new MI law about clean energy and the Michigan government role in decision making, it will not be on the 2024 ballot (Flint Journal 6/5/24)

4. The US Supreme Court did not impose restrictions on a key abortion drug. The next president could choose to impose restrictions on mifepristone (drug used for 60% of abortions) or even take the drug off the market. How will you vote?
5. The US Supreme Court is still weighing whether Trump is immune from criminal prosecution in the election interference case against him, more than a month after hearing arguments (Flint Journal). Submitted by A. Harrand)



Independence Day is a Call to Defend

July 4th is widely and, sometimes, wildly celebrated for the founding of our nation, the first in the world dedicated to individual liberties enshrined in a Bill of Rights.

This year, we who celebrate and revere our freedoms, have grave concerns at the ferocious challenges to those freedoms mounted by the right wing Republicans around the country. In Florida, book banning's are being enshrined in law while Louisiana just passed legislation requiring the Ten Commandments be posted in every classroom while prohibiting signs or symbols of any other religion.

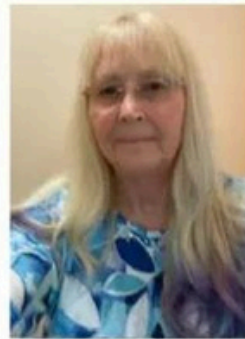
In every Republican state, the rights of women to make health care choices are being stripped away with their government stooges becoming the arbitrator of freedom. While bands of voters are fighting back in Florida, Ohio, New Mexico, Colorado and elsewhere, there is no end to assaults on our freedoms the right wing is conducting.

As our ancestors fought the imposition of laws and taxes from afar in the Revolution, we must fight this year for those candidates who will defend our freedoms in Washington, in Lansing and here in Lapeer County.

Make no mistake – there is a Revolution for Freedom being re-fought this summer in every town, village, township, city and state in the country. The risk of losing our freedoms, our precious Bill of Rights protections, is very real as the radical right and their fascist allies take to the streets and the voting booth in ever-growing numbers.

Join in! Join the Battle for Freedom! (Submitted by G. Foster)

Vote for Leslie Getz for Treasurer for Mayfield Township



I have lived in Mayfield Township for 28 years and have served in leadership positions of many organizations including her church, union, community and a non-profit board.

I will serve the community in a transparent, responsive, and respectful manner while keeping accurate financial records, make reports more available and encourage input from citizens in township decisions.

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US Senate GOP Defeat IVF Protections – Twice!

Twice this month, Republican troglodytes in the US Senate have defeated measures to give federal protection to the many health care needs related to in-vitro fertilization and the life giving hope that IVF brings to many couples and individuals who are otherwise unable to conceive a child. The Democratic sponsored legislation also included protections for emergency contraception pills which were called by Republicans “radical threats to human life”.

While Republicans claim there is no threat to IVF services, they choose to ignore the Republican court in Alabama that ruled IVF services were illegal and banned them in that state until the legislature quickly enacted limited new legislation.

Every person who cares about the ability of couples and individuals to have a child but is unable to conceive must care about this legislation and be voting this November for candidates in the Democratic Party who defend, protect and shield these services from Republican attacks.
(Submitted by G. Foster)



Celebrate Global Forgiveness Day on July 7th

There are several days on the calendar marked to think about Forgiveness, and personally I think there ought to be a few more. This July 7th, reflect on your loved ones, and actively work to mend the rifts of the past. Take a special moment in your memories to reflect on your own mistakes; and forgive yourself and acknowledge what you have learned.

Just as importantly, take this opportunity to reflect on our country, and any hard feelings for someone who has voted differently than you. Remember to assume the best intent of fellow Americans. Even if we have different ideas of what we want, and/or how to get there, we all want a united, dependable community around us. Reach out to those who may think differently from you and see if we can't all make a little more room in the same tent together. (Submitted by A. Diedrich)

Congratulations to all the 2024 Graduates! The Lapeer Dems wish you much success in your endeavors. Parents of graduates congratulations as well.

LCDP Welcomes the College Dems

Our County Party has recently connected with the Michigan College Democrats, currently led by Jacob Welch out of Grand Valley State University. If you have a college student – or a “will-be” college student – let them know the campus organization would welcome their participation and have them email Jacob Welch @ jacob@micollegedems.org

Any college students – or will-be students – in your families can email Gary at gfoster@umsuca.com



NDTC Offering Help and Support

The National Democratic Training Committee (<https://traindemocrats.org/>) offers online and in person help for anyone interested in running for office, working on campaigns or wanting to enlist in the effort to protect our country. They have an Academy with

News about the newsletter

This newsletter is published monthly and is available by email to all members. If you don't have email it can be mailed. **All members are encouraged to submit articles and information to the newsletter.** Deadline for the newsletter is 18th of every month.

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*Quote of the
day*

"The aim of argument, or discussion, should not be victory, but progress." Joseph Joubert